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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following:-

From the Joint Director of Agriculture, Letter No.Y.3. 161/49 dated 29-3-1949.
From the Joint Director of Agriculture, Letter No.Y.3. 502/49 dated 10-7-1949.
From the Commissioner for Food Production Letter No.Z. 3769/49 dated 14-7-1949.
Government Memorandum No. 67966-M/49-3 Food and Agriculture dated 15-9-1949.
From the Joint Director of Agriculture Letter No.T.1. 1518/49 dated 4-10-1949.

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With reference to the proposals in the Development (P&D) Department for large scale reclamation of lands, the Joint Director of Agriculture has in his letter second cited above submitted a special scheme for reclamation of land by tractors different from the existing scheme of subsidised hiring of tractors. He has proposed:-

I) that the purchase of a fleet of 50 caterpillar tractors and 50 caterpillar bulldozers at a capital cost of Rs.38 lakhs during 1949-50 and a recurring expenditure of Rs.4,32,000/- towards the working of these machines be sanctioned and that the targets of land reclamation may be increased from 40,000 to 80,000 acres during 1949-50 and from 80,000 acres to 1,20,000 acres during 1950-51;

ii) that the rates of hire charges for tractors be increased from Rs.5 to 10 per acre for ploughing upto 9" depth and Rs.15/- per acre for greater depths and that the rates for D6 bulldozers also be increased from Rs.7 to Rs.9 per hour so as to make the scheme self-supporting:

iii) that a bonus of Rs.5/- per acre that is freshly reclaimed and sown under food crops to be paid to the ryots at the end of the first crop;

iv) that the payment of land revenue for the first three years of the newly reclaimed wastes sown with cereals may be exempted and only 50% of the normal tax may be charged during the fourth and fifth year;

while supporting the above proposals, the Commissioner for Food Production has suggested (a) that the bonus of Rs.5/- per acre proposed by the Joint Director of Agriculture in item (iii) above may be met from the 'Food procurement' grant of the Government of India; (b) that he may be authorised to correspond with the Government of India direct for the expeditious supply of the tractor requirements of the Agricultural Department, and (c) that the Provincial Government may take up with the Government of India the question of issuing fresh import permits to

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their agents in respect of the additional tractor requirements in case these cannot be met from out of stocks which the Government of India will be importing in the near future.

2. In view of the present difficulty in getting tractors and bulldozers, the Joint Director of Agriculture has been asked to state whether the scheme proposed by him should not be deferred till all the 83 tractors (53 tractors to be purchased under the sanction accorded in 1947-48 and 50 to be purchased during 1949-50) proposed to be purchased under scheme No.4 of the Two Year Plan approved in G.O.Ms.No.868 Food and Agriculture dated 2/9/49 are actually procured. He has agreed to this suggestion and has stated that it does not seem immediately practicable to embark on a large scale venture

3. The Government direct that the scheme be dropped for the present.

/By Order Of His Excellency The Governor/

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Secretary to Government.

To The Joint Director of Agriculture.
" " Commissioner for Food Production.
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